

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An antiaging composition comprising the following components (A) and (B):

- (A) ascorbic acid 2-glucoside; and
- (B) at least one purine nucleic acid-related substance selected from the group consisting of adenosine 2'-monophosphate, adenosine 3' - monophosphate, adenosine 5' -monophosphate, ~~cyclic adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate~~, and salts thereof.

Claims 2 -4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Original) An antiaging composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (B) is adenosine 5'-monophosphate or a salt thereof.

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Original) An antiaging composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (A) is contained in a proportion of 0.05 to 10%(w/w) based on the total amount of the antiaging composition.

Claim 8. (Original) An antiaging composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (B) is contained in a proportion of 0.05 to 10%(w/w) based on the total amount of the antiaging composition.

Claim 9. (Original) An antiaging composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (B) is contained in a proportion of 0.5 to 1000 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the component (A).

Claim 10. (Original) An antiaging composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is a cosmetic, or an externally-applied medical or quasi-medical drug.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A method for potentiating an antiaging action of a composition containing ascorbic acid 2-glucoside, the method comprising the step of incorporating at least one purine nucleic acid-related substance selected from the group (B) consisting of adenosine 2' -monophosphate, adenosine 3' -monophosphate, adenosine 5' -monophosphate, ~~cyclic-adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate~~, and salts thereof into said composition.

Claims 13 and 14. (Cancelled)

Claim 15. (Original) A potentiating method according to Claim 12, wherein the component (B) is adenosine 5'-monophosphate or a salt thereof.

Claim 16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) A potentiating method according to Claim 12, wherein the component (B) is present in a proportion of 0.5 to 1000 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of ascorbic acid 2-glucoside.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) A method for retarding skin-aging comprising the step of applying to the skin ascorbic acid 2-glucoside and at least one purine nucleic acid-related substance selected from the group consisting of adenosine 2' -monophosphate, adenosine 3' -monophosphate, adenosine 5' -monophosphate, ~~cyclic-adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate~~, and salts thereof.

Claim 19. (Cancelled)

Claim 20. (Cancelled)

Claim 21. (New) A composition for alleviating skin pigmentation comprising the following components (A) and (B):

(A) ascorbic acid 2-glucoside; and

(B) at least one purine nucleic acid-related substance selected from the group consisting of adenosine 2'-monophosphate, adenosine 3' - monophosphate, adenosine 5' -monophosphate, and salts thereof,

wherein the presence of components (A) and (B) in the composition alleviates skin pigmentation.

Claim 22. (New) The composition according to Claim 21, wherein the component (B) is adenosine 5'-monophosphate or a salt thereof.

Claim 23. (New) The composition according to Claim 21, wherein the component (A) is contained in a proportion of 0.05 to 10%(w/w) based on the total amount of the composition.

Claim 24. (New) The composition according to Claim 21, wherein the component (B) is contained in a proportion of 0.05 to 10%(w/w) based on the total amount of the composition.

Claim 25. (New) The composition according to Claim 21, wherein the component (B) is contained in a proportion of 0.5 to 1000 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the component (A).

Claim 26. (New) The composition according to Claim 21, wherein the composition is a cosmetic, or an externally-applied medical or quasi-medical drug.

Claim 27. (New) A method for potentiating a skin pigmentation alleviating action of a composition containing ascorbic acid 2-glucoside, the method comprising the step of incorporating at least one purine nucleic acid-related substance selected from

the group (B) consisting of adenosine 2' -monophosphate, adenosine 3' -monophosphate, adenosine 5' -monophosphate, and salts thereof into said composition.

Claim 28. (New) A potentiating method according to Claim 27, wherein the component (B) is adenosine 5'-monophosphate or a salt thereof.

Claim 29. (New) A potentiating method according to Claim 27, wherein the component (B) is present in a proportion of 0.5 to 1000 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of ascorbic acid 2-glucoside.

Claim 30. (New) A method for alleviating skin pigmentation comprising the step of applying to pigmented skin ascorbic acid 2-glucoside and at least one purine nucleic acid-related substance selected from the group consisting of adenosine 2' -monophosphate, adenosine 3' -monophosphate, adenosine 5' -monophosphate, and salts thereof.